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Subject: Watershed Star update - Nov 21 event cancelled

Linda, Margaret, Jeff:

Unfortunately we're no longer going forward with the Nov 21 press event to highlight Watershed Star in Howard County, MD. Our thanks to you and your bosses for your willingness to participate, and of course for your support of the program. You have each been essential to the progress we've made together.

The Howard County pilot is in a holding pattern pending new county leadership. (I'm working to make sure the current administration distributes the window decals and updates their website before the changing of the guard.)

As for expanding the program to other counties in Maryland, it remains to be seen whether a new MDE will be supportive (unlikely). If not, I wonder whether an unsupportive MDE would still approve of/oversee a county's voluntary participation (adherence to the Bay Program's guidelines). We'll have to wait and see. Meanwhile, the current MDE has created a toolkit for future use....

With a bit more time, let's brainstorm potential next steps. Thus far, the Howard/MDE pilot established a template for any other locality to implement its own program (with state approval and oversight). (Utilizing the SMART tool, or some other aggregation tool, makes such a program cost effective.)

It is very frustrating to have to pull the plug at the finish line, but we've created something that anyone can pick up and run with. Looking forward to regrouping once the dust settles a bit more.

Thank you again.

Best,
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